



MEETING OF THE WESTLAND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
City of Westland
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 25, 2023

Members Present: Kelly, Scott, Cabildo, Freese, Murray, Rea, Saab

Members Excused: Brown, Londeau

Also Present: Aubrey Merhib, Director of Economic Development

Kayla Cobetto, Business Retention and Expansion Coordinator

Brendan Schroder, Economic Development Administration

Evan McCarthy, City of Westland Intern

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Chairman Robert Kelly.

A motion was made by Scott and supported by Murray to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 27, 2023.

Saab abstained.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Saab and supported by Murray to approve the payments of the vouchers in the amount of \$73,042.90

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| CoStar Realty | \$528.02 |
| Gooseworks LLC | \$962.50 |
| Highland Landscaping | \$27,240.00 |
| Funfest Productions | \$15,000.00 |
| Wayne Ford Civic League | \$7,312.38 |
| Sole Underground | \$22,000.00 |

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Saab and supported by Cabildo to approve the Façade Grant Application from Norman's Market in the amount of not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Freese abstained.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Saab and supported by Freese to approval the proposal from The Retail Coach to provide retail recruitment services in the amount of not to exceed 50% of \$40,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Training Discussion: The board reviewed plans for upgrade options for the Westland Historic Village that were part of the City of Westland's Master Plan update from 2017.

Director Comments: Merhib gave an update on the Mission to Mars project. She also informed the Board about the start of the Farmer's Market and a new board member. She also introduced McCarthy to the board. She then gave an update on new businesses in the district.

Citizen Comments: None

Board Member Comments: None

A motion was made by Scott and supported by Murray to adjourn at 8:25 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously